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**AGENDA ITEM 4**

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE**

**I. SUBJECT:** 2007-08 Proposed Health Policy Priorities for Legislation Pursuant to Strategic Plan

**II. PROGRAM:** Legislation

**III. RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Board:

Adopt the revised 2007-08 Health Policy Priorities for legislation pursuant to the strategic plan.

**IV. ANALYSIS:**

In March 2007, staff presented the Health Benefits Committee with recommended health policy priorities for the 2007-08 legislative session. The Board adopted the Health Policy Priorities after deleting the following priority: "Take no position on legislation pertaining to employer and employee cost sharing," and directed staff to come back with a priority that more clearly articulated the Board's position on employer and employee cost sharing.

Staff worked with the program area and interested stakeholders to revise the deleted priority to more clearly reflect its intent of not interfering with the collective bargaining process. Also, the revised priority is in line with the Board's Legislative Policy Standards to take a neutral or no position on legislation to change retirement benefits which are appropriately subject to collective bargaining and consistent with other Board policies.

Therefore, staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached revised 2007-08 Health Policy Priorities.

**V. STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the strategic plan for the future direction of the health program.

**VI. RESULTS/COSTS:**

The adoption of legislative priorities will provide direction to the Office of Governmental Affairs in identifying and focusing its efforts on those issues that most impact the strategic direction of the CalPERS health program.

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